AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Process for forming capsules comprising the steps of:

(1) forming a solution of an amino compound (I) in a solvent;

(2) forming a dispersion of a core material in the solution;

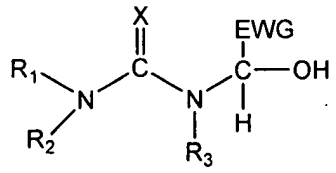
(3) depositing the amino compound as a resin upon the surface of the core material to form capsules ~~without adding an exogenous deposition promoter~~; and

(4) optionally hardening and/or recovering the capsules,

whereby steps (1) and (2) are executed in either order or simultaneously, and

wherein amino compound (I) has the following formula

(I)



where:

X is ~~O or~~ NR_5;

EWG is an electron-withdrawing group;

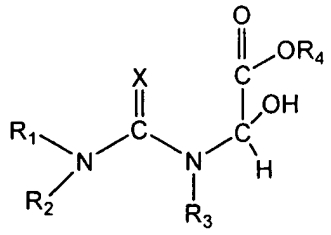
R_1, R_2, R_3, R_5 are equal to an H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl of heterocyclic group; and

R_1, R_2, and R_5 or R_1, R_2, and R_3 may together form a heterocyclic group.

2. (Original) Process according to claim 1, wherein EWG is an acid-, ester-, cyano-, di-alkylacetal-, aldehyde-, substituted phenyl-, or trihalomethyl group.

3. (Currently amended) Process according to claim 1, wherein in step (1) a solution of a compound (V) from an amino compound/alkanol hemiacetal mixture in a solvent is formed, wherein compound (V) is an amino compound according to the following formula:

(V)



where:

X is equal to ~~O or~~ NR_5;

R_4 is equal to a C_1-C_{12} alkyl group, aryl group, aralkyl group or cycloalkyl group;

R_1, R_2, R_3, R_5 are equal to an H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl of heterocyclic group; and

R_1, R_2, and R_5 or R_1, R_2, and R_3 may together form a heterocyclic group.

4. (Original) Process according to any one of claims 1-3, wherein the solvent is water.

5. (Original) Process according to claim 3, wherein the molar amino group/hemiacetal ratio is between 3 and 1.

6-13. (Cancelled).